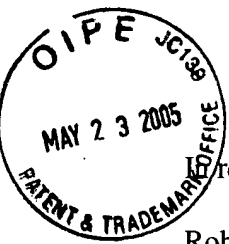


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 5 of this paper.